

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A membrane filtration manifold for connecting a filter submodule comprising one or more elongate bundles of semipermeable polymeric fibers, said manifold comprising:

a housing; and

at least one submodule connecting collar connected with said housing, said collar being adapted to receive and locate said submodule having a connecting sleeve with a locking formation whereby the submodule can be secured at an end with the collar by a clip adapted to engage both said collar and said locking formation and at least in part surround both said collar and said locking formation to prevent axial withdrawal of said submodule from said collar, wherein the clip is resiliently biased to enable radial contraction of the clip when the clip slidably engages with the submodule and the collar and wherein the clip is cylindrical having a side wall split to define opposed wall edges, said side wall having a top and bottom, the clip further comprising a top radially inwardly directed circumferential flange adjacent the top of said side wall for bearing engagement with said radially outwardly directed flange formed on said sleeve and the clip further comprising projections on said side wall adjacent respective said opposed edges, wherein said projections extend longitudinally from said top flange.

Claim 2 (original): A manifold according to Claim 1, wherein said housing is in fluid communication with said collar.

Claim 3 (original): A manifold according to Claim 1, wherein said collar has an internal stepped seat for bearing engagement with said end of said submodule.

Claim 4 (original): A manifold according to Claim 1 wherein said locking formation comprises a radially outwardly directed circumferential flange formed on said sleeve.

Claims 5-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A manifold according to Claim 5 1, wherein said side wall comprises a bottom radially inwardly directed circumferential flange at or adjacent the bottom of said side wall for bearing engagement with a complementary step on said collar.

Claims 8-33 (canceled).